

**Statement from icare:**

*NSW has provided a subsidised health monitoring service for employers whose workers have been exposed to hazardous dusts in the workplace, such as silica, continuously for almost 20 years.*

*icare Dust Diseases Care provides a number of benefits to workers and their families who have been impacted by a work-related dust disease.*

*icare covers the costs of reasonable medical, hospital, ambulance and related expenses for treatment of the disease. There is no cap on medical expenses for any client with a compensable dust disease.*

*If a worker identified with silicosis continues to work in the same industry, this should be discussed with their physician. Where a worker wishes to leave the industry, icare is able to support the worker financially and offer vocational training to help with re-entry into the workforce.*

*icare continues to provide occupational health screening services to workers from all industries where there is an exposure to silica.*